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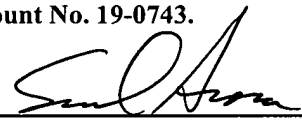
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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ An Amendment and Response (11 Pages).
- ☒ Clean Version of Pending Claims (6 pgs.).

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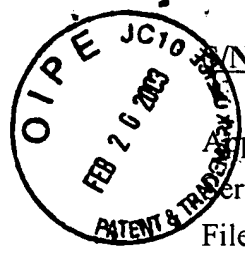
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Applicant submits this response to the Office Action mailed on November 19, 2002.
Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1 and 32, and addition of new claims 37-46. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A system including:

an elongate exovascular probe, including proximal and distal ends, the probe including a substantially uniform cylindrical outer surface that is sized and shaped to be accepted within and guided by a similarly sized and shaped lumen of a trajectory guide device, the probe also including an outer dimension that is less than about 18 millimeters to permit the probe to be introduced through a similarly-sized minimally-invasive opening in a portion of a subject's skull and exovascularly advanced to an aneurysm within the skull; and
an aneurysm treatment device carried by the probe and dimensioned to permit the aneurysm treatment device to be introduced through the opening.

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2. The system of claim 1, further including an imaging device to permit viewing of an image of both the aneurysm treatment device and the aneurysm.